DON'T LET WATER QUALITY GO DOWN THE DRAIN THIS SUMMER!

Car washing hits prime time during the summer months and unfortunately, so does the level of soap, detergents, oil and road grime in our local streams, lakes and rivers.

If you're not washing your car on your lawn or taking it to a commercial car wash, chances are that soapy water (and everything you just washed off your car) is headed straight for fish habitat in your neighborhood. And all soaps, even biodegradable ones, are toxic to fish.

WASH WISER AND STENCIL STORM DRAINS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you're washing your car at home, wash it on the lawn, where the water will soak into the soil. Or go to a commercial car wash.

If you're washing multiple cars at a car wash fundraiser use the FREE Car Wash Kit. Wash water is kept out of the storm drain system through a simple arrangement that allows the dirty water to be captured and pumped to the sanitary sewer for treatment.

You can also **stencil storm drains** with the message "Dump No Waste, Drains to Stream". This is a great project for kids from ages 8-80 and now is the best time of year to get out in your neighborhood and do it.

The Free Car Wash Kits and Stencil Storm Drain Kits are available through Tanya Mote at 206 322-9296.



